

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY).

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 24, nays 378, not voting 31, as follows:

[Roll No. 604]

#### YEAS—24

Baldwin	Klecza	Ryan (WI)
Barrett (WI)	Manzullo	Sensenbrenner
Berry	McDermott	Taylor (MS)
Dingell	Minge	Towns
Filner	Oberstar	Udall (CO)
Green (WI)	Obey	Visclosky
Gutknecht	Peterson (MN)	Waters
Kind (WI)	Rahall	Wise

#### NAYS—378

Abercrombie	Camp	Dunn
Aderholt	Campbell	Edwards
Allen	Canady	Ehlers
Andrews	Capuano	Engel
Archer	Cardin	English
Armey	Carson	Eshoo
Bachus	Castle	Etheridge
Baird	Chabot	Evans
Baker	Chambliss	Everett
Baldacci	Chenoweth-Hage	Ewing
Ballenger	Clay	Farr
Barcia	Clement	Fattah
Barrett (NE)	Clyburn	Fletcher
Bartlett	Coble	Foley
Barton	Coburn	Forbes
Bass	Collins	Ford
Bateman	Combest	Fossella
Becerra	Condit	Fowler
Bentsen	Cook	Frank (MA)
Bereuter	Cooksey	Franks (NJ)
Berkley	Costello	Frelinghuysen
Berman	Cox	Gallely
Biggert	Coyne	Ganske
Bilbray	Cramer	Gejdenson
Bilirakis	Crane	Gekas
Bishop	Crowley	Gephardt
Blagojevich	Cubin	Gibbons
Bliley	Cummings	Gilchrest
Blumenauer	Cunningham	Gillmor
Blunt	Davis (FL)	Gilman
Boehlert	Davis (IL)	Gonzalez
Boehner	Davis (VA)	Goode
Bonilla	Deal	Goodlatte
Bonior	DeGette	Goodling
Bono	Delahunt	Gordon
Borski	DeLauro	Goss
Boswell	DeLay	Graham
Boyd	DeMint	Granger
Brady (PA)	Deutsch	Green (TX)
Brady (TX)	Diaz-Balart	Greenwood
Brown (FL)	Dickey	Gutierrez
Brown (OH)	Dicks	Hall (OH)
Bryant	Dixon	Hall (TX)
Burr	Doggett	Hansen
Burton	Dooley	Hastings (FL)
Buyer	Doolittle	Hastings (WA)
Callahan	Dreier	Hayes
Calvert	Duncan	Hayworth

Hefley	McCarthy (NY)	Sandlin
Herger	McCollum	Sanford
Hill (IN)	McCrery	Sawyer
Hill (MT)	McGovern	Saxton
Hilleary	McHugh	Schaffer
Hilliard	McInnis	Schakowsky
Hinchey	McIntosh	Scott
Hinojosa	McIntyre	Serrano
Hobson	McKeon	Sessions
Hoeffel	McKinney	Shaw
Hoekstra	McNulty	Shays
Holden	Meek (FL)	Sherman
Holt	Meeks (NY)	Sherwood
Hooley	Menendez	Shimkus
Horn	Metcalfe	Shows
Hostettler	Mica	Shuster
Houghton	Millender-	Simpson
Hoyer	McDonald	Sisisky
Hulshof	Miller (FL)	Skeen
Hunter	Miller, Gary	Skelton
Hutchinson	Miller, George	Smith (MI)
Hyde	Mink	Smith (NJ)
Inslee	Moakley	Smith (TX)
Isakson	Mollohan	Smith (WA)
Istook	Moore	Snyder
Jackson (IL)	Moran (KS)	Souder
Jackson-Lee	Morella	Spence
(TX)	Myrick	Spratt
Jefferson	Nadler	Stabenow
Jenkins	Napolitano	Stark
John	Neal	Stearns
Johnson (CT)	Nethercatt	Stenholm
Johnson, E. B.	Ney	Strickland
Jones (NC)	Northup	Stump
Jones (OH)	Norwood	Stupak
Kanjorski	Ortiz	Sununu
Kaptur	Ose	Sweeney
Kasich	Owens	Talent
Kelly	Oxley	Tancred
Kennedy	Packard	Tanner
Kildee	Pallone	Tauscher
Kilpatrick	Pascarell	Tauzin
King (NY)	Pastor	Taylor (NC)
Kingston	Paul	Terry
Klink	Payne	Thomas
Knollenberg	Pease	Thompson (CA)
Kolbe	Pelosi	Thompson (MS)
Kucinich	Phelps	Thornberry
Kuykendall	Pickering	Thune
LaFalce	Pickett	Thurman
LaHood	Pitts	Tiahrt
Lampson	Pombo	Tierney
Lantos	Pomeroy	Toomey
Largent	Porter	Trafigant
Larson	Portman	Turner
Latham	Price (NC)	Udall (NM)
LaTourette	Pryce (OH)	Upton
Lazio	Quinn	Vento
Leach	Radanovich	Vitter
Lee	Ramstad	Walden
Levin	Rangel	Walsh
Lewis (CA)	Regula	Wamp
Lewis (GA)	Reyes	Watkins
Lewis (KY)	Reynolds	Watt (NC)
Linder	Rivers	Waxman
Lipinski	Rodriguez	Weiner
LoBiondo	Roemer	Weldon (PA)
Lofgren	Rogan	Weller
Lowey	Rogers	Weygand
Lucas (KY)	Rohrabacher	Whitfield
Lucas (OK)	Rothman	Wicker
Luther	Roukema	Wilson
Maloney (CT)	Roybal-Allard	Wolf
Maloney (NY)	Royce	Woolsey
Markey	Rush	Wu
Martinez	Ryun (KS)	Wynn
Mascara	Sabo	Young (AK)
Matsui	Sanchez	Young (FL)
McCarthy (MO)	Sanders	

#### NOT VOTING—31

Ackerman	Emerson	Ros-Lehtinen
Barr	Frost	Salmon
Boucher	Johnson, Sam	Scarborough
Cannon	Meehan	Shadegg
Capps	Moran (VA)	Slaughter
Clayton	Murtha	Velazquez
Conyers	Nussle	Watts (OK)
Danner	Olver	Weldon (FL)
DeFazio	Peterson (PA)	Wexler
Doyle	Petri	
Ehrlich	Riley	

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Mr. SHUSTER changed his vote from "yea" to "nay".

Mr. KLECZKA changed his vote from "nay" to "yea".

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

*Washington, DC, November 17, 1999.*

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the original Certificate of Election received from the Honorable Bill Jones, Secretary of State, State of California, indicating that, according to the semi-official canvas for the Special General election held November 16, 1999, the Honorable Joe Baca was elected Representative in Congress for the Forty-second Congressional District, State of California.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, *Clerk.*

#### SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE JOE BACA OF CALIFORNIA AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Member-elect from California (Mr. BACA) come forward, accompanied by the California delegation, and raise your right hand?

Mr. BACA appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear the true faith and allegiance to the same; that you will take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the House of Representatives.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE HONORABLE JOE BACA, MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Mr. LEWIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to be cochair of the California delegation. I share that responsibility with the gentleman from California (Mr. FARR).

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. FARR) for remarks.

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California very much for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, what a great day for the State of California. All of us in this House know the honor of being sworn in as a Member of the House of Representatives, the only place in Washington where everyone has to be elected in order to take the oath of office.

It is a distinct pleasure that we honor another Californian in that regard, a person who has a great deal of experience in public life, and brings to this Chamber experience as a member of the board of trustees with a community college, was elected to the California State Assembly, was elected as the first pro tempore, the first Latino pro tempore in California history to that job, served in the California State Senate, and now is elected to serve his district in Southern California.

He is following in the footsteps of a great Member of this House, George Brown. We all remember the great service that he gave to this country and the deeds that he left, the great record that he left.

So JOE BACA comes to us with his own career of distinction, and I think he will be a great addition to this House. So I congratulate you.

On behalf of the California Democratic delegation, which I am Chair of, along with the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS), who is Dean of the Republican delegation from California, and as a joint bipartisan effort, we welcome the newest Member of our delegation, a delegation which has had over eight Members elected in special elections. So we know the special moment you are having right now, you are sharing with your family who is watching this on C-SPAN, and we appreciate the fact that you are here today to get sworn in. Congratulations on a great race and a great election.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, JOE, you should note with interest that a very sizable number of the Members on the floor happen to be from the California delegation. It was not always the case that we would have an occasion like this and we would have almost the entire delegation present.

But in recent years, we have had kind of a reawakening of our State. In the past, we have often been laughed at by States like Texas who come together regularly on issues relative to their own interests. Today, California is working together as it never has in its history, and our numbers are here to have a positive impact on the country.

So working with you in the seat of the former Dean of the California delegation, you have a great career ahead of you. We look forward to your help as we go about attempting to improve the country as we work on behalf of California's interest. So welcome, JOE. It is a great day for all of us.

#### OPENING REMARKS OF THE HONORABLE JOE BACA

(Mr. BACA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I ask permission to address the House for 1 minute. I wanted to make sure that I followed the rules and procedures that are here.

Mr. Speaker, I do appreciate the gentleman from California (Mr. FARR) lowering this podium. I used to be 6 foot 5 as a paratrooper, but I made a lot of jumps; that is why I am only 5 foot 6.

It is really an honor to be here. I would like to thank the leadership for their support, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT), all of the Members, the DCCC individuals who are very helpful.

I want to thank God because God gave me the courage to run and to serve. Too many times we forget that it is the strength that we have, and God provided that strength to give us that courage. So I want to thank God.

I want to thank my family. I wish my mom and dad were here to see this. They are both deceased, but I know it is a proud moment in their lives. I know that somewhere up above they are seeing this even though they cannot be here right now. But I know very well that they are proud of their son, because I am one of 15. I am the 15th child.

Like a lot of us, I come from a poor family, an individual, the only one that graduated from high school and college. My other brothers and sisters graduated, but I was able to pursue that. I know that they are very proud.

I wish my wife were here right now. She is watching this right now. She is Barbara Dominguez Baca, with whom I will be celebrating 31 years of marriage next week. On November 23, it will be our anniversary, so it will be 31 years of marriage to one wife, not two wives or three wives, but one wife.

I would like to also thank my children, because my children were supporters. I believe in strong family values, because family values are the core of what makes America great. It is what makes our country. I would like to thank my family, because they have been very supportive.

I would like to thank Joe, Jr. That is my first son. He is now 30. Then Jeremy Baca; that is my second son. Then my daughter, first daughter, and that is Natalie. Then, of course, my daughter that is 13 years of age. She is the reason my wife cannot be here because we believe it is important to have our children in school and to obtain that, and we did not want to take her out of school during that time. It was important for her to be there. My wife realizes that, because she is also a great student, a 4.0 student, doing well in school, so we want to make sure she continues to receive those grades. Of

course, Mom is always there to help her.

So I love my family very much. I want to thank them.

But I also want to thank the voters, the voters of my district who made it possible for me to be here. Without the voters' support, I would not be here today.

I look forward to working in this House. It is going to be an honor for me to work on a bipartisan basis. I look forward to working with my colleague directly associated with me, and that is the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS). I look forward to working with him on issues that are important to all of us, the issues that are important to the State of California, because all of us care about the economy. All of us care about education, public safety, protecting Social Security, Medicare, drug prescriptions, areas that are important to a lot of us, health reform.

But most of all, we want to make sure that, as I look at the 52 Members of California, that we work together on a bipartisan basis to make California, like everybody else wants to make their State, a lot better. But I also look forward to working with the 52 delegates from California in assuring that we get our fair share of revenue coming back to California. No offense to the rest of the Members. But I believe, in reference to California, it is pretty big in population. We have over 34 million people in California. But it is important that we address those issues.

I want to work with them and also work with you on a bipartisan basis on other issues that are important with us as well that impact all of us.

What we all want is to improve the quality of life. We cannot do it by ourselves. We have to come together collectively. It has to come from a compromise, individuals willing to come together and do what is necessary to make our State and our Nation a lot better. It is not going to happen if we have political wedges that divide us. There are times that we have to come together to address those areas. We need to address those areas.

I want to thank you. I want to thank my family. I want to thank the leadership. I thank the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT) very much for coming and getting all of the colleagues, the whips, you know, that raised all of the funds that were necessary.

I look forward to additional help from the other side in giving me additional monies. So it is very important for your support as well as we begin to work on a bipartisan effort.

Again, I thank the Speaker and my colleagues very much.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman from California (Mr. BACA) yield back the remainder of his time?